

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS
INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOULIHAN TRADING CO. INC., *et al.*,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C22-0296-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' motions to seal confidential financial data. (Dkt. Nos. 205, 224.) While the public has a common law right to inspect and copy public records, including those from judicial proceedings, these rights are not absolute. They must yield when (1) sealing a document serves a compelling interest, (2) that is substantially likely to be harmed if the document is not sealed, and (3) there are no less restrictive alternative means for protecting the interest. *See United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998 (9th Cir. 2017). Given the sensitive nature of the underlying financial information, these criteria are readily met here. Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 205) and Defendant's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 224) is GRANTED and the Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Numbers 211 and 226 under seal respectively.

DATED this 6th day of November 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Coughenour", written over a horizontal line.

John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE